# DILLON RANGER DISTRICT
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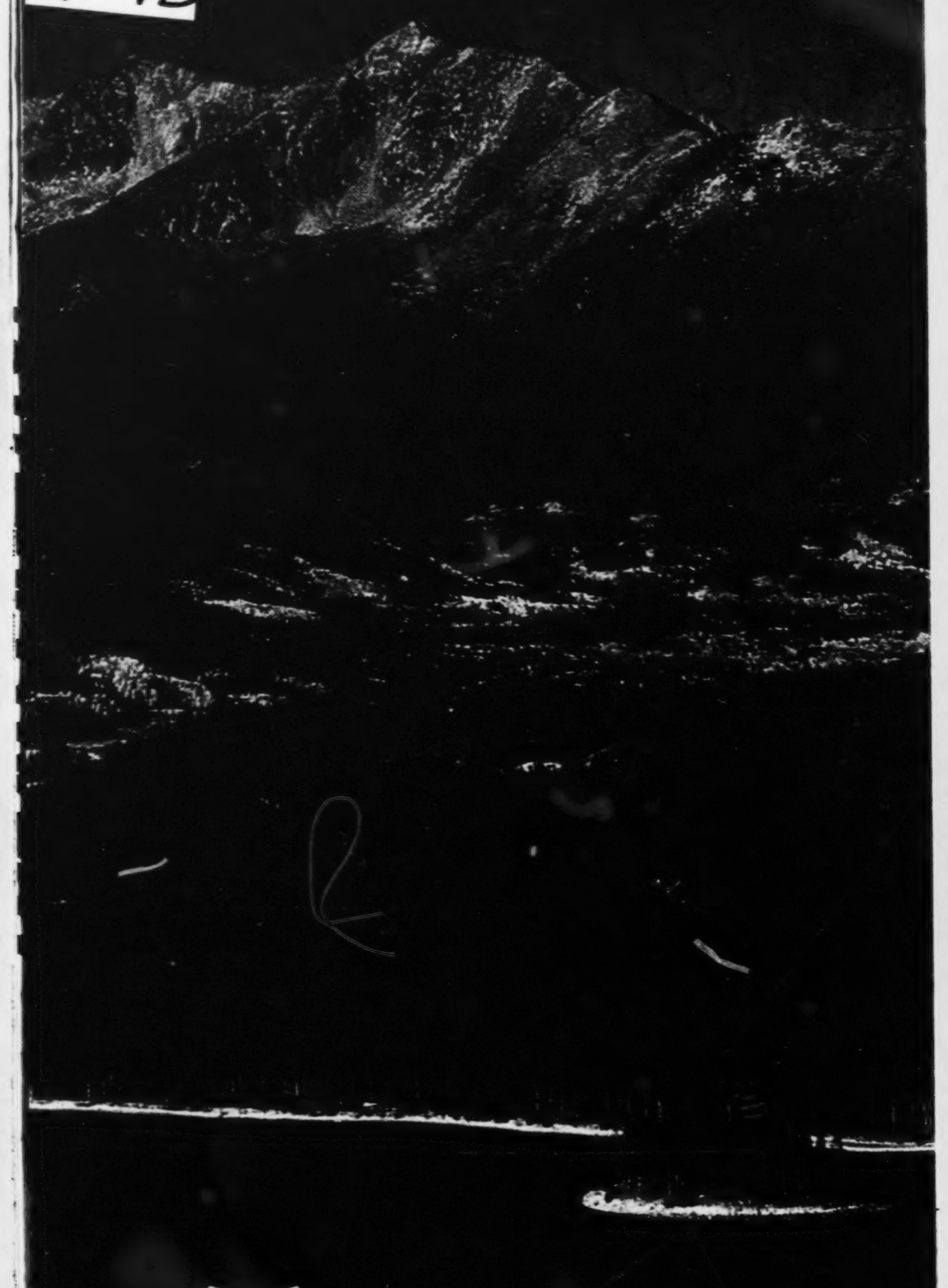

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## YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

The National Forests are public lands in joint ownership by all citizens; their management requires different laws and regulations based on local conditions. Please become familiar with restrictions by checking with local offices and reading signs and bulletin boards.

It is your responsibility to be aware of the potential risks and take safety precautions at all times when you visit National Forest areas. Changing terrain, forests, and weather conditions present a wide variety of hazards. Hazards include, but are not limited to: snow and ice fields; avalanches; landslides; caves; falling trees or limbs; high or rushing water; contaminated water; wild animals; severe weather; becoming lost or overexerted; hypothermia; remnants of mining and other activities involving excavations; and exposure to unreasonable acts of other people.

**America's Great Outdoors**

Some campgrounds have reserved sites. For information and reservations CALL MISTIX 1-800-283-CAMP

DILLON RANGER DISTRICT
135 Highway 9
P.O. Box 620
Silverthorne, CO 80498
(303)468-5400
(303)468-5434 Recording

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
Emergency Services ........ 911
Summit County Sheriff ........ 453-2232
Colorado Highway Patrol ........ 668-3133

REPORT FIRES ........ 911

AVALANCHE INFORMATION
Recorded message ........ 668-0600

ROAD CONDITIONS
Within Summit County ........ 453-1090
Within Colorado (toll call) ........ 639-1234

FOR MORE INFORMATION

White River National Forest
Forest Supervisor
9th and Grand Streets
P.O. Box 948
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
(303)945-2521

Holy Cross Ranger District
401 Main Street
P.O. Box 190
Minturn, CO 81645-0190
(303)827-5715

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
Forest Supervisor
240 West Prospect Road
Fort Collins, CO 80526-2098
(303)498-1100

Clear Creek Ranger District
101 Chicago Creek
P.O. Box 3307
Idaho Springs, CO 80452
(303)567-2901

Middle Park Ranger District
(Administered by the Routt N.F.)
210 South 6th
P.O. Box 1210
Kremmling, CO 80459
(303)724-9004

Pike and San Isabel National Forests
South Park Ranger District
NW of Jct Hwy 9/285
P.O. Box 219
Fairplay, CO 80440
(719)836-2031

Leadville Ranger District
2015 N. Poplar
P.O. Box 970
Leadville, CO 80461
(719)486-0752

Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Resource Area
1116 Park Avenue
P.O. Box 68
Kremmling, CO 80459
(303)724-3437

Summit County Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 214
Frisco, CO 80443
(303)668-5800

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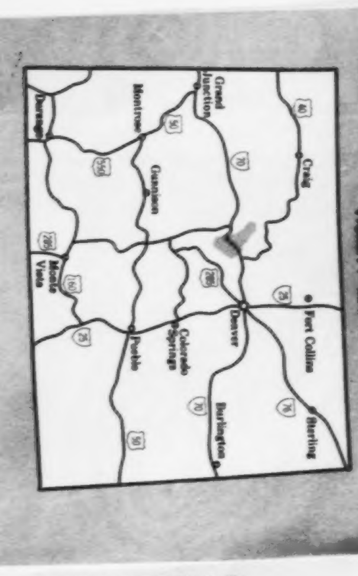

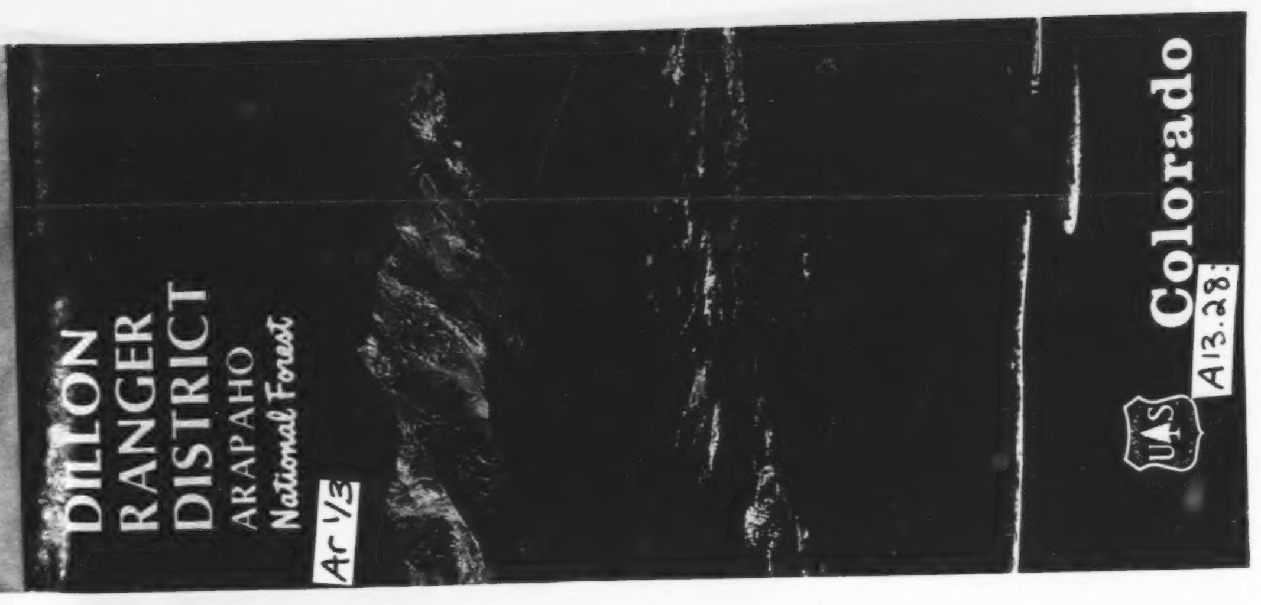

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## DILLON RANGER DISTRICT

Located in the central Colorado Rockies just west of the Continental Divide, the Dillon District contains 314,000 acres of National Forest. Elevations here range from 7,800 to over 14,000 feet above sea level. The area offers four seasons of recreation enjoyment:

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| Hiking -- | over 200 miles of trails that challenge beginner and old hands alike. |
| Fishing -- | major reservoirs, numerous lakes, and splashing streams beckon. A Gold Medal river -- superior fish habitat -- rates special attention. |
| Camping -- | 15 campgrounds with over 400 sites. Group sites are available, too. And plenty of space for backpacking or camping out on your own. |
| Skiing -- | four major downhill areas along with numerous cross country centers and trails. |
| Bicycling -- | miles of paved bikepaths or dirt trails lure those who would rather be up on two wheels. |

Towns like Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco and Silverthorne offer a full range of services and resorts. For further information on the National Forest or other activities, check this map or contact the Dillon Ranger District. We will be glad to help!

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Camping

Reservations can be made for some National Forest campgrounds. In the Dillon District, sites can be reserved at Heaton Bay, Peak One, and Prospector Campgrounds in addition to the two group sites, Gold Pan and Windy Point. Reservations are made through MISTIX Corporation at 1-800-283-CAMP.

All other sites in the Forest are on a first come, first serve basis and fees are based upon the services provided. Most undeveloped areas within the Forest are open to camping at no charge. Limits of stay are posted within each campground.

None of the campgrounds have showers or hookups, but some commercial campgrounds offer these facilities.

### Fishing and Hunting

Wildlife and fish are abundant on the Forest and provide many fishing and hunting opportunities. State licenses may be purchased at most sporting goods and convenience stores. All state regulations must be followed.

### Firewood

People who wish to collect firewood from National Forest Lands must obtain a permit from the Forest Service. Permits are typically available in the Dillon District from July 1st to December 31st. An approved spark arrestor and fire extinguisher are requirements for operating a chainsaw. No permit is needed for deadwood collected for camping use while on the Forest.

### Winter Activities

Downhill and cross-country skiing and snowmobiling are all popular winter activities on the District. In addition to numerous trails and opportunities in the back country, there are four major downhill and cross-country ski areas located on the National Forest.

Please check the avalanche conditions before heading into the backcountry.

### Travel Information

Some National Forest areas and roads have restrictions or seasonal closures. Please obtain local travel information at Ranger District offices.

Photo by H. Peter Wingle

## BICYCLING

Ride one of America's most extensive bike paths, covering 30 miles of spectacular alpine country from Breckenridge to Vail. Tour in style through impressive mountain scenery and enjoy the facilities offered by the Summit County resorts.

For the casual rider, tour the upper Blue River basin from Breckenridge to Frisco. The Blue River Bikeway offers a look at the large tailing piles that are reminders of Breckenridge's gold mining days. An especially scenic route is the Ten Mile Canyon Trail from Frisco to Copper Mountain resort. Summit County's bike path then continues from Copper Mountain to the top of Vail Pass, where the path extends to East Vail.

### RULES OF THE ROAD

**ALWAYS BE COURTEOUS!**
- Stay in control at all times.
- Keep to the right; use vocal signals when passing.
- When stopped, remove yourself and your bike completely from the path.

**OBEY ALL COLORADO TRAFFIC LAWS**
- Follow all posted speed limits; STOP at regulatory signs.
- Motorized vehicles, including mopeds, are not permitted on most bike paths.

**BE ALERT FOR OTHER PATH USERS**
- Watch for traffic entering the trail system.
- Bike paths are shared facilities. Expect to meet pedestrians, children, slow moving bicyclists and, in some cases, dogs and motorized vehicles.
- You are in a mountain environment; be cautious; there may be small animals, gravel, rocks, water or other hazards.

**USE EXTRA CAUTION WHEN RIDING IN THE MOUNTAINS**
- Mountain roads are often narrow and have limited sight distance.
- Sightseeing motorists may not be aware of bicyclists.
- Descents from mountain passes can be fast and dangerous.
- Weather is cool and winds may be strong on the Continental Divide.

**BICYCLING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS**

A caution about Bike/Pedestrian Paths: many of them are not signed for fast riding. In good weather, bike paths are often crowded with pedestrians, joggers, baby strollers, roller skiers, and slow-riding sightseeing bicyclists. When you ride on the paths, keep your speed down and enjoy the view. In some cases where a path follows a highway, you are not required to use the path, and faster riders may prefer to use the highway where regulations and safety allow. Please check with local officials for suitable highway routes.

Photo by Bruce Schaefer

## EAGLES NEST WILDERNESS

The Eagles Nest Wilderness contains the rugged Gore Range, known for its high lakes and spectacular scenery. The Eagles Nest encompasses 133,688 acres on the White River and Arapaho National Forests. Elevations within the Wilderness range from 7,850 to 13,534 feet above sea level, with a majority of the land being above 9,500 feet. Over 100 miles of trails are available and are maintained at several levels of difficulty. The eastern half of the Wilderness is administered by the Dillon Ranger District. For information on the western portion, contact the Holy Cross Ranger District in Minturn, Colorado.

In the past, we spoke of wilderness in terms of the ability of man to survive the wilderness. Now, we speak of wilderness in terms of the land's capacity of surviving man. The best way you can help the land survive is to challenge yourself to make the least possible impact on the land.

**Minimum Impact Camping**

- Plan ahead to avoid heavily used areas. Call the Ranger District for information on where to go and trail conditions.
- Travel and camp in small, family-sized groups to help lessen deterioration of trails and campsites.
- Stay on the trail; cutting switchbacks causes erosion and damages the trail.
- Select a campsite away from sight and sound of trails and other camps to preserve a feeling of privacy and solitude.
- Protect fragile shoreline vegetation. Camp no closer than 200 feet from lakes or streams.
- Campfires destroy organic matter in the top soil, inhibiting plant growth for many years. Use portable backpack stoves whenever possible.
- If a fire is desired, dig a firepit about 6" deep (please do not use fire rings). Keep the sod intact if possible and pile it nearby. On breaking camp, permit the fire to burn down to white ashes, drown the coals, replace the sod, and return any rocks and excess firewood to a natural appearing location.
- Pack out all refuse and litter.
- Trees and shrubs are important components of the forest community. Their destruction and defacement is prohibited.
- Soap and food particles pollute lakes and streams; wash your dishes and yourselves well away from shore.
- Bury human wastes in a shallow hole at least 100 feet away from water.
- Tie stock to a hitchline or a hitchrail tied (not nailed) between two trees. Scatter meadow muffins when breaking camp.
- Use processed livestock feed, not hay, to avoid spreading noxious weeds.
- Pets are not a part of the natural environment and can disrupt wildlife. They must be on a leash less than six feet long and attended by their owner.

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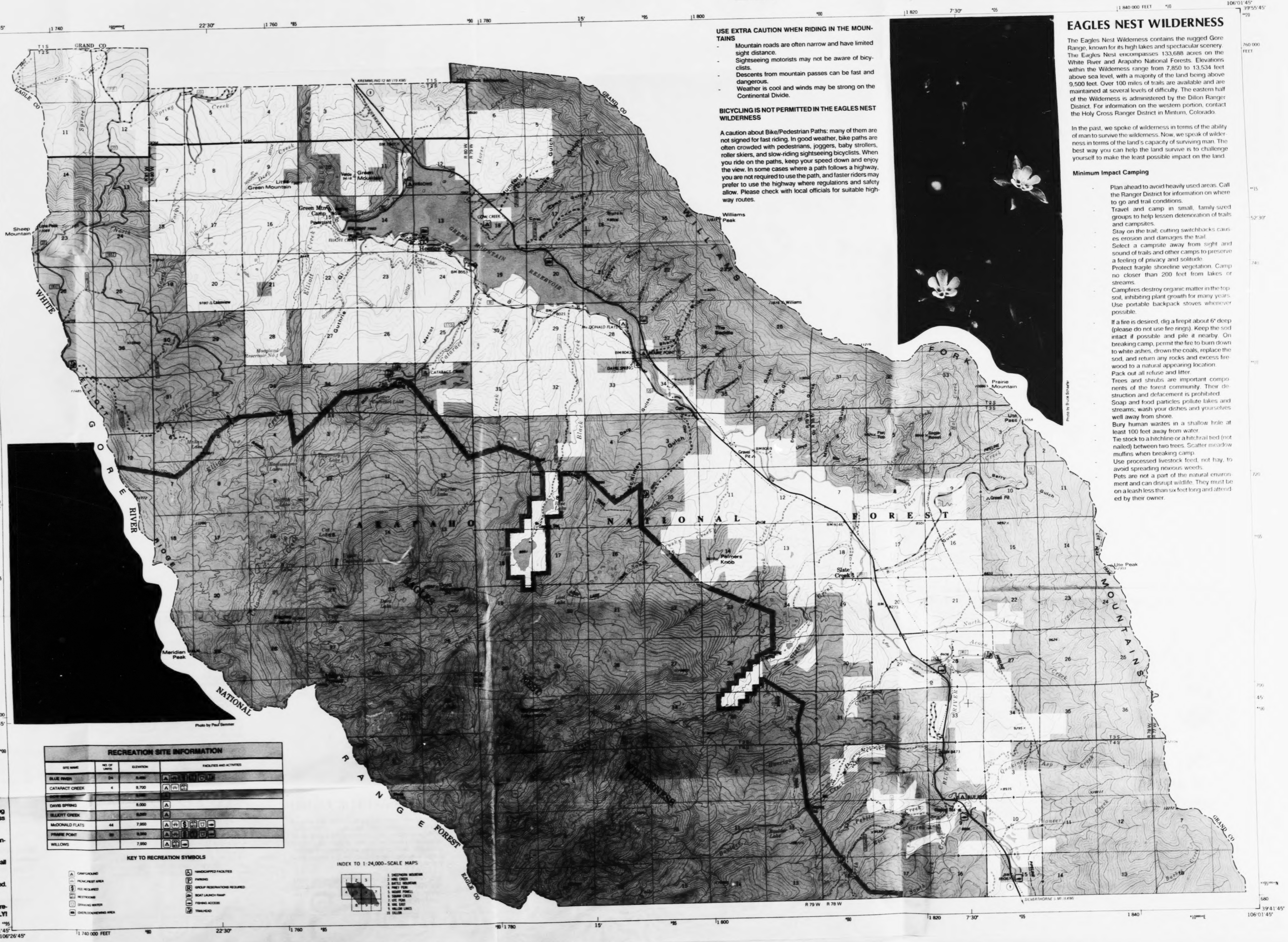

Photo by Paul Semmer

| RECREATION SITE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SITE NAME | NO. OF UNITS | ELEVATION | FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES |
| BLUE RIVER | 24 | 8,400 | A [illegible] |
| CATARACT CREEK | 4 | 8,700 | A [illegible] |
| [illegible] | | [illegible] | A |
| DAVIS SPRING | | 8,000 | A |
| ELLIOTT CREEK | | 8,000 | A |
| McDONALD FLATS | 44 | 7,900 | A [illegible] $ [illegible] |
| PRAIRIE POINT | [illegible] | 8,000 | A [illegible] $ [illegible] |
| WILLOWS | | 7,900 | A [illegible] |

KEY TO RECREATION SYMBOLS

A CAMPGROUND
PICNIC AREA
$ FEE REQUIRED
RESTROOMS
DRINKING WATER
OVERLOOK/VIEWING AREA
HANDICAPPED FACILITIES
P PARKING
R GROUP RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BOAT LAUNCH RAMP
FISHING ACCESS
TRAILHEAD

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Photo by Bruce Schaefer

## SKIING

Each year three million skiers enjoy the Dillon District's powder snow and hundreds of ski runs. Few realize the ski runs at Keystone, A Basin, Breckenridge and Copper Mountain are located on National Forest System lands under lease agreements. The Forest Service works actively with ski areas and winter tour operators in the management of forest resources.

## HOW TO

## TREAD LIGHTLY!

**Obtain travel information** from a Forest Service office or other public land agencies. Learn the rules and follow them.

**Avoid** running over young trees, shrubs, and grasses -- damaging or killing them.

**Stay off** soft, wet roads and trails readily torn up by vehicles (particularly during hunting seasons). Repairing the damage is expensive.

**Travel around** meadows, steep hillsides, or streambanks and lakeshores easily scarred by turning wheels.

**Resist** the urge to pioneer a new road or trail or to cut across a switchback.

**Stay away** from wild animals that are rearing young -- or suffering from food shortage. Stress can sap essential, scarce energy reserves.

**Obey** gate closures and regulatory signs. Vandalism costs all of us.

**Stay out** of Wildernesses. They're closed to all vehicles. Know where the boundaries are.

**Get permission** to travel across private land. Respect landowner rights.

Future opportunities for exciting travel with your recreation vehicle are in your hands, so -- **TREAD LIGHTLY!**

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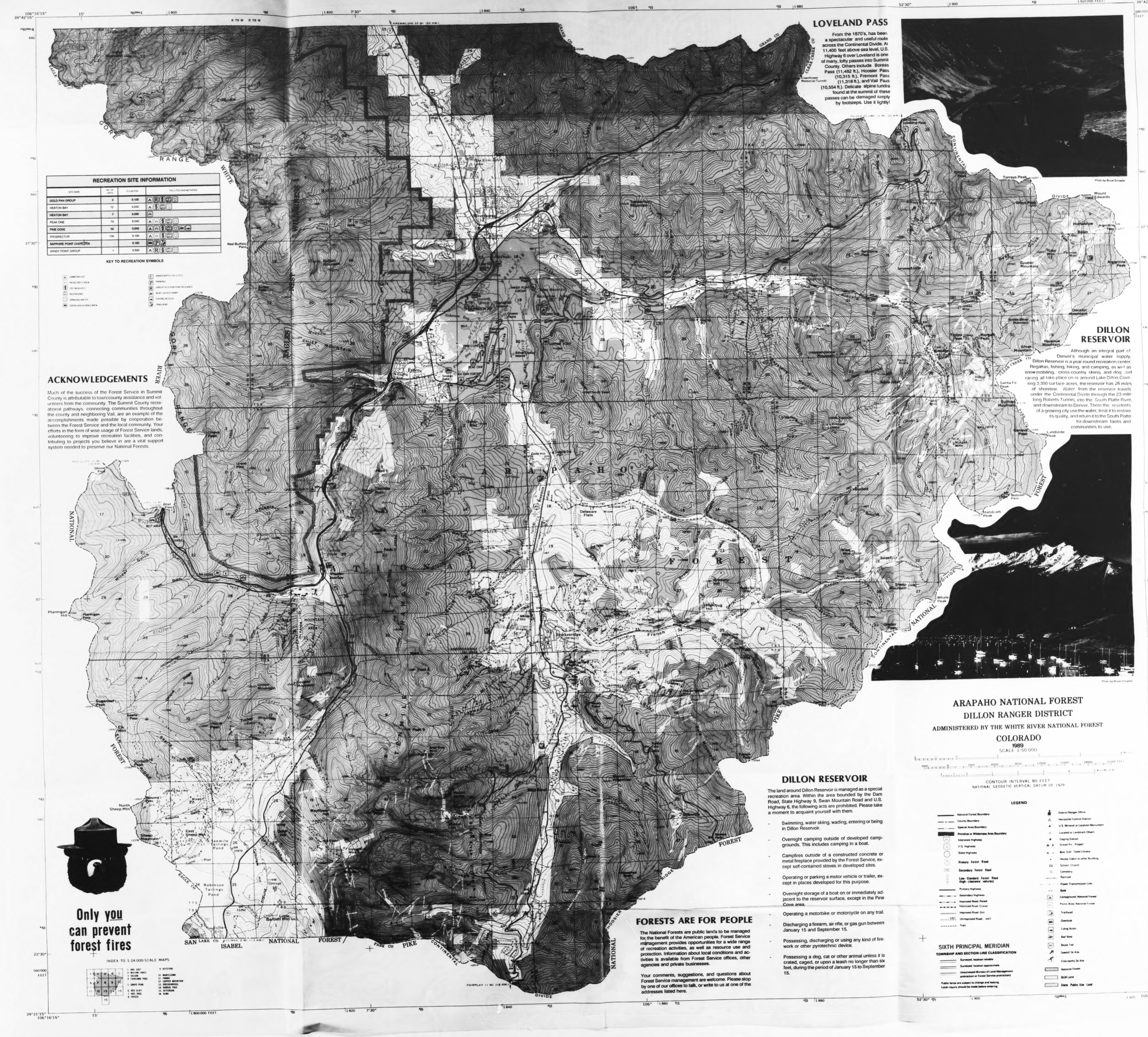
# ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST
## DILLON RANGER DISTRICT
ADMINISTERED BY THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
COLORADO
1989
SCALE 1:50 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 80 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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## LOVELAND PASS

From the 1870's, has been a spectacular and useful route across the Continental Divide. At 11,400 feet above sea level, U.S. Highway 6 over Loveland is one of many, lofty passes into Summit County. Others include Boreas Pass (11,482 ft.), Hoosier Pass (10,315 ft.), Fremont Pass (11,318 ft.), and Vail Pass (10,554 ft.). Delicate alpine tundra found at the summit of these passes can be damaged simply by footsteps. Use it lightly!

## DILLON RESERVOIR

Although an integral part of Denver's municipal water supply, Dillon Reservoir is a year-round recreation center. Regattas, fishing, hiking, and camping, as well as snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and dog sled racing all take place on or around Lake Dillon. Covering 3,300 surface acres, the reservoir has 26 miles of shoreline. Water from the reservoir travels under the Continental Divide through the 23 mile-long Roberts Tunnel, into the South Platte River, and downstream to Denver. There the residents of a growing city use the water, treat it to restore its quality, and return it to the South Platte for downstream farms and communities to use.

## RECREATION SITE INFORMATION

| SITE NAME | NO. OF UNITS | ELEVATION | FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES |
|---|---|---|---|
| GOLD PAN GROUP | 3 | 9,100 | A R $ 🚻 🚰 |
| HEATON BAY | 72 | 9,040 | A $ 🚻 🚰 |
| HEATON BAY | 7 | 9,080 | ⛱ |
| PEAK ONE | 79 | 9,040 | A ⛱ $ 🚻 🚰 |
| PINE COVE | 50 | 9,040 | A ⛱ $ 🚻 🚰 ⛴ 🐟 |
| PROSPECTOR | 108 | 9,100 | A ⛱ $ 🚻 🚰 |
| SAPPHIRE POINT OVERLOOK |  | 9,100 | 🔭 P 🥾 |
| WINDY POINT GROUP | 1 | 9,500 | A R $ 🚻 🚰 |

### KEY TO RECREATION SYMBOLS

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|---|---|---|---|
| A | CAMPGROUND | ♿ | HANDICAPPED FACILITIES |
| ⛱ | PICNIC/REST AREA | P | PARKING |
| $ | FEE REQUIRED | R | GROUP RESERVATIONS REQUIRED |
| 🚻 | RESTROOMS | ⛴ | BOAT LAUNCH RAMP |
| 🚰 | DRINKING WATER | 🐟 | FISHING ACCESS |
| 🔭 | OVERLOOK/VIEWING AREA | 🥾 | TRAILHEAD |

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Much of the success of the Forest Service in Summit County is attributable to town/county assistance and volunteers from the community. The Summit County recreational pathways, connecting communities throughout the county and neighboring Vail, are an example of the accomplishments made possible by cooperation between the Forest Service and the local community. Your efforts in the form of wise usage of Forest Service lands, volunteering to improve recreation facilities, and contributing to projects you believe in are a vital support system needed to preserve our National Forests.

**Only you can prevent forest fires**

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## FORESTS ARE FOR PEOPLE

The National Forests are public lands to be managed for the benefit of the American people. Forest Service management provides opportunities for a wide range of recreation activities, as well as resource use and protection. Information about local conditions and activities is available from Forest Service offices, other agencies and private businesses.

Your comments, suggestions, and questions about Forest Service management are welcome. Please stop by one of our offices to talk, or write to us at one of the addresses listed here.

## DILLON RESERVOIR

The land around Dillon Reservoir is managed as a special recreation area. Within the area bounded by the Dam Road, State Highway 9, Swan Mountain Road and U.S. Highway 6, the following acts are prohibited. Please take a moment to acquaint yourself with them.

- Swimming, water skiing, wading, entering or being in Dillon Reservoir.
- Overnight camping outside of developed campgrounds. This includes camping in a boat.
- Campfires outside of a constructed concrete or metal fireplace provided by the Forest Service, except self-contained stoves in developed sites.
- Operating or parking a motor vehicle or trailer, except in places developed for this purpose.
- Overnight storage of a boat on or immediately adjacent to the reservoir surface, except in the Pine Cove area.
- Operating a motorbike or motorcycle on any trail.
- Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun between January 15 and September 15.
- Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.
- Possessing a dog, cat or other animal unless it is crated, caged, or upon a leash no longer than six feet, during the period of January 15 to September 15.

### LEGEND

National Forest Boundary
County Boundary
Special Area Boundary
Primitive or Wilderness Area Boundary
Interstate Highway
U.S. Highway
State Highway
Primary Forest Road
Secondary Forest Road
Low-Standard Forest Road (high-clearance vehicles)
Primary Highway
Secondary Highway
Improved Road, Paved
Improved Road, Gravel
Improved Road, Dirt
Unimproved Road, 4WD
Trail
District Ranger Office
Horizontal Control Station
U.S. Mineral or Location Monument
Located or Landmark Object
Gaging Station
Gravel Pit Prospect
Mine Shaft Tunnel Entrance
House, Cabin or other Building
School, Church
Cemetery
Railroad
Power Transmission Line
Gate
Campground, National Forest
Picnic Area, National Forest
Trailhead
Overlook
Fishing Access
Boat Ramp
Bicycle Trail
Downhill Ski Area
Cross-country Ski Area
National Forest
BLM Land
State Public Use Land

### SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN
TOWNSHIP AND SECTION LINE CLASSIFICATION

Surveyed, location reliable
Surveyed, location approximate
Unsurveyed (Bureau of Land Management protraction or Forest Service protraction)

Public lands are subject to change and leasing. Local inquiry should be made before entering.

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